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Interested Community Members and Stakeholders:

In June and July 2007, Air Resources Board (ARB) staff presented to the public draft railyard health risk assessments for seven railyards located in Southern California. There will be a similar meeting scheduled in the near future for the Northern California railyards. The railyard health risk assessments (HRA) were prepared under the 2005 Railroad Agreement between ARB and Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and BNSF Railway (BNSF). Since then, ARB staff has been reviewing the comments and incorporating appropriate changes to finalize HRA. ARB staff expects the HRAs to be completed by November 1, 2007.

As a separate effort from the HRAs, ARB staff would now like to meet with air district staff, community members, and the railroads to discuss the format for evaluating and addressing non-cancer health effects, especially PM mortality. The date, time, location, and railyards covered for the meetings are listed below:

<u>Date/Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Railyards Covered:</u>
November 13, 2007 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Bandini Park/Batres Community Center Meeting Room 4725 Astor Avenue Commerce, California, 90040	BNSF Hobart BNSF Sheila BNSF Watson BNSF Commerce Eastern UP Commerce UP LATC UP Mira Loma

The health risk assessments, emission inventories and air dispersion modeling for each southern California railyard, and the ARB and railroads presentations on railyard mitigation measures can be found on the ARB's railyard website:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/hra/hra.htm>. This meeting notice is available at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/community/community.htm>

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If you have questions about this upcoming public meeting, please contact me at (916) 324-8167 or Mr. Harold Holmes, Manager, Engineering Evaluation Section, at (916) 324-8029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Fletcher" followed by a stylized flourish.

Robert D. Fletcher, Chief
Stationary Source Division

cc: Mr. Harold Holmes, Manager
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